

DEADLY NEIGHBORHOOD **SPIDER-MAN**



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PETER PARKER HAS THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF HIS UNCLE BEN, PETER UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND BECAME THE CRIMEFIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

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Peter Parker has traveled to sunny L.A. to conduct experiments with scientist **CRYSTAL CATAWNEE**. But awful nightmares began afflicting Peter after he came into contact with an ancient **MAGICAL ROCK**. At first, the visions filled with strange monsters, mazes, and a flame-eyed version of Spidey seemed like nothing but bad dreams—until a monstrous **DEMON BEAR** crashed through the barrier between dimensions to deliver a message: Spidey has three days to find a mysterious maze and defeat the Demon Bear within. If Spidey loses, the nightmare realm will overrun the real world! But time is running out for both worlds, and Peter's just come face-to-face with his horrifying nightmare doppelganger, who is ready to make its terrifying dream our reality!

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I have seen
the enemy...

Leave.

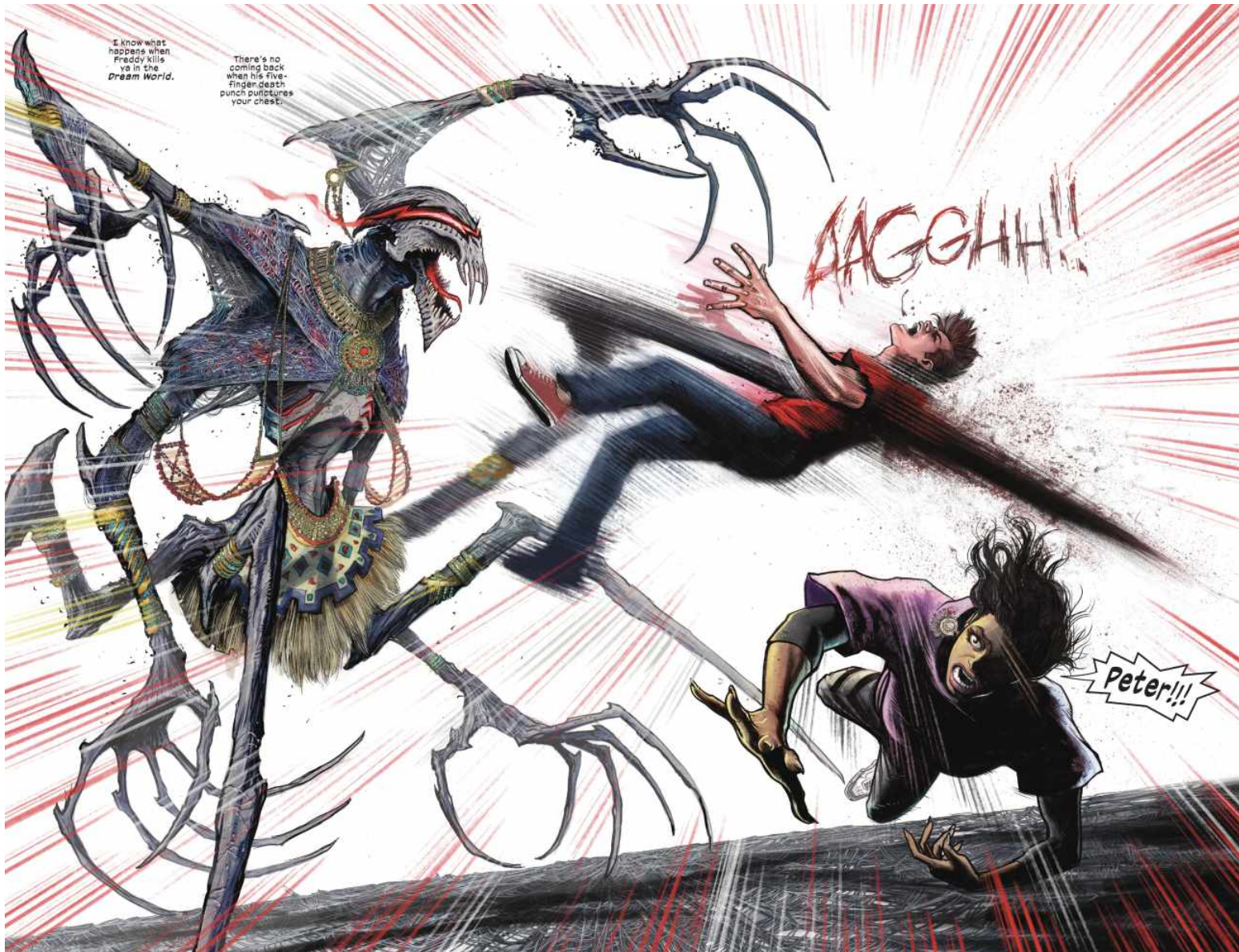
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it is...

...me.

Her.

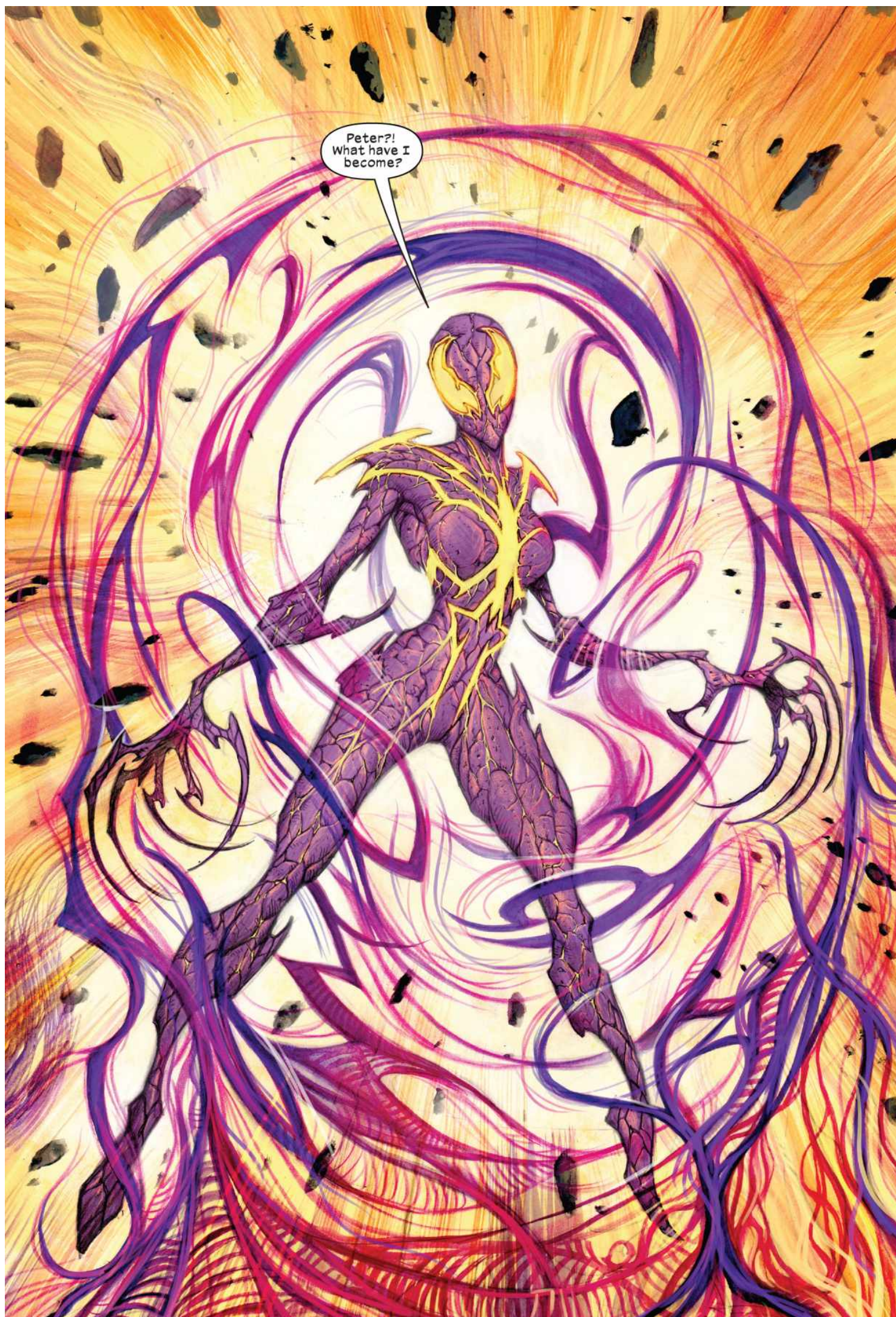
ALONE!













Oh no... Peter...
I'm not letting you die here.



That's a nasty hole you've got there.



I'll be all right. What the heck happened to you?

I'm not exactly sure... but I think I need a cool name like you.

Spider-Woman's taken. And Stone-Spider sounds, well... ya know...



What about Dream-Spider?



Uhhh, Dream-Spider, don't look now but...





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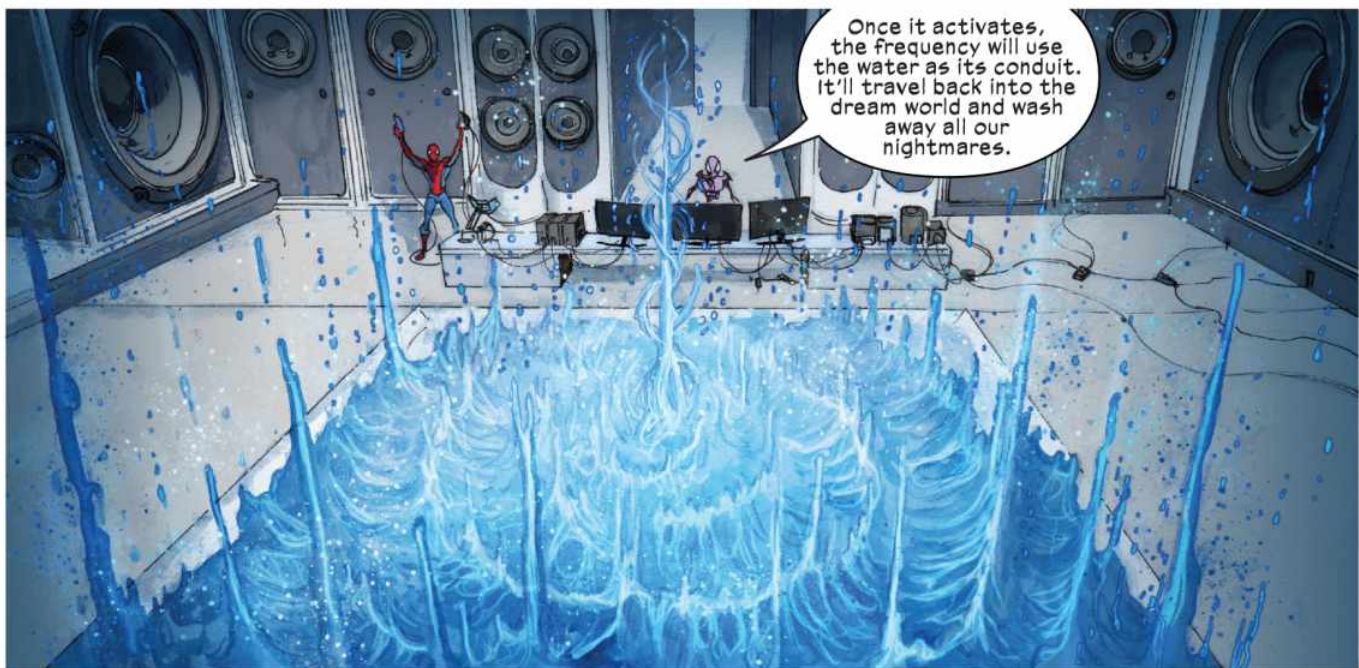
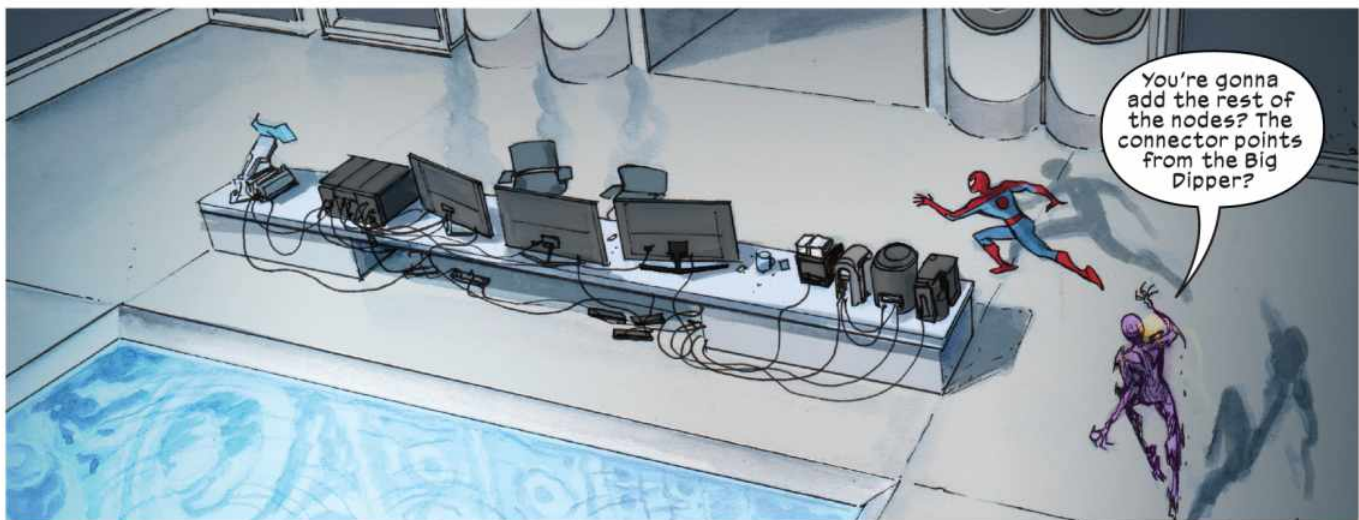
Now for the moment of truth. We've gotta heal the broken dreams with our sound machine.

My original theory about running a supercurrent across a Josephson junction doesn't seem to hold water... pun intended.

So I hope rewiring the nodes to line up with the Big Dipper and running the frequency at the same rate as the golden ratio works!

A bit of science, a smidge of magic, and a dash of...

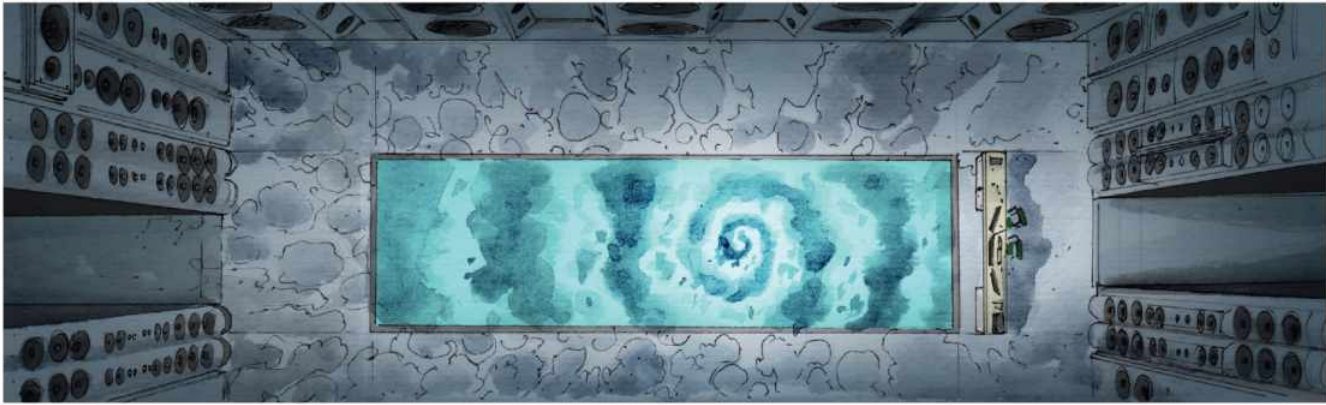














Turns out we weren't building a machine to heal *our* world...



...but to heal the world just beyond our perception.

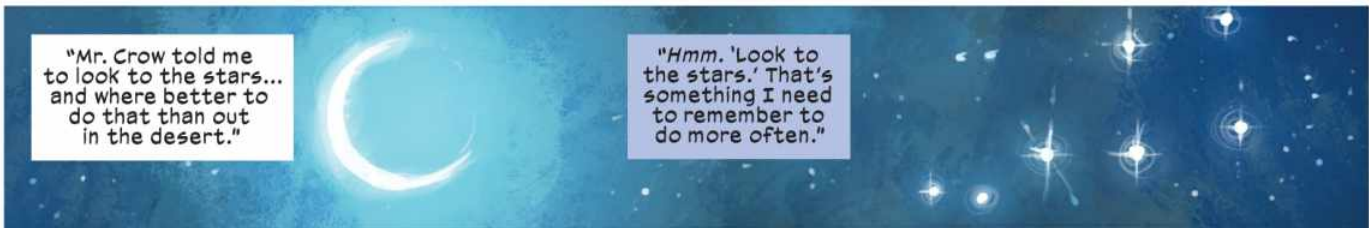
You're okay!



The world of all our *stories* and *dreams*.

Yep... the big, bad bear didn't squash the little spider.

Crazy question, Pete, but I've been meaning to ask... Did you know Joshua Tree is sacred lands? Is that why you still wanted to go with Randy and Janice even with the Demon Bear breathing down your neck?



"Mr. Crow told me to look to the stars... and where better to do that than out in the desert."

"Hmm. 'Look to the stars.' That's something I need to remember to do more often."



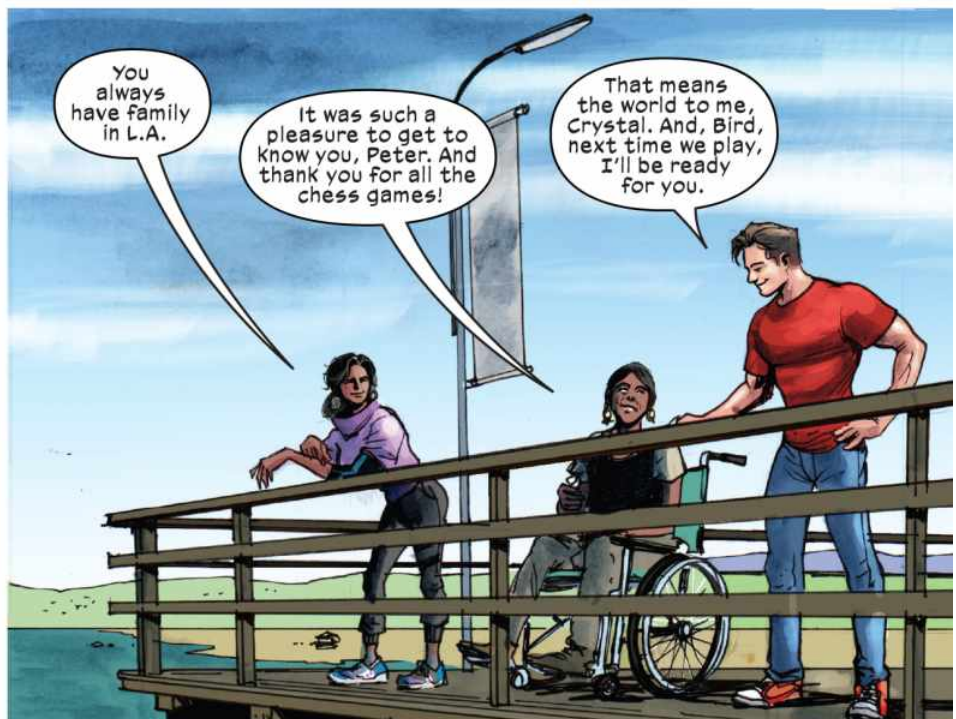
The next day.

I'm ready to head home, Bird.



I'm grateful my niece introduced us.

Queens is calling!



You always have family in L.A.

It was such a pleasure to get to know you, Peter. And thank you for all the chess games!

That means the world to me, Crystal. And, Bird, next time we play, I'll be ready for you.



